



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 0375	Amended by the Senate on February 7, 2023
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<b>Subject:</b>	Emergency Scene Management	
<b>Requestor:</b>	Senate	
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This amended bill requires the driver of a vehicle to keep his vehicle under control when approaching or passing a motor vehicle stopped on or near the right-of-way of a street or highway when the stopped vehicle is displaying flashing hazard lights. The bill further specifies fines for violations of the provisions of the bill.

The amended bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) because the bill does not fiscally or operationally impact the agency.

This amended bill will have no expenditure impact on Judicial since any expenses due to an increase in the number of cases heard in court can be managed within existing General Fund appropriations.

This amended bill may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined impact to General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the increase in fines and fees collections in court.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Amended by the Senate on February 7, 2023**

##### **State Expenditure**

This amended bill requires the driver of a vehicle to keep his vehicle under control when approaching or passing a motor vehicle stopped on or near the right-of-way of a street or highway when the stopped vehicle is displaying flashing hazard lights. Additionally, a person approaching a stationary vehicle displaying flashing hazard lights must proceed with caution, while significantly reducing speed and must yield the right-of way by making a lane change or maintain a safe speed if changing lanes is impossible or unsafe.

**The Department of Motor Vehicles.** The amended bill will have no expenditure impact on DMV because the bill does not fiscally or operationally impact the agency.

**Judicial.** This amended bill may increase the number of cases, or the duration of cases heard in court. Judicial intends to use existing General Fund resources to manage any modification in caseloads. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for Judicial.

**State Revenue**

The amended bill adds a fine of no less than \$300 and no more than \$500 for a violation of the provisions of the bill. This may result in a change in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined impact to General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the modifications in fines and fees collections in court.

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

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**Introduced on January 12, 2023**

**State Expenditure**

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**The Department of Motor Vehicles.** The expenditure impact of this bill on DMV is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

**Judicial.** This bill may increase the number of cases, or the duration of cases heard in court. Judicial intends to use existing General Fund resources to manage any modification in caseloads. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for Judicial.

**State Revenue**

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